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REMARKS

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1. No training activity was observed in the Artillerie Kaserne on Freienwalder Strasse, Eberswalde (N 53/V 08), from 27 August to 1 September 1950. Only a guard detail of one officer and 18 to 25 M. wearing red-bordered black epaulets was seen leaving the installation daily between 6 and 7 p.m., marching to the Ardelt Plant. Only a small percentage of the windows in the western barracks section and the eastern barracks section were lighted in the evenings. The buildings in the eastern section were being repaired. Motor vehicles [REDACTED] were seen at the installation. (1)

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2. It was rumored among the Eberswalde population that German Volkspolizei would move into the Artillerie Kaserne on 1 October 1950. (2)

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4. The Schuetzen Kaserne on Bernauer-Heerstrasse seemed to be occupied to capacity between 27 August and 1 September 1950. Most of the windows of the installation were lighted in the evenings. A German working there said that each building quartered about 400 troops, and the whole Schuetzen-Kaserne quartered about 5,000 troops. The largest unit in the billeting area appeared to be an AAA unit. Other units there, in order of size, were a unit with rail-type rocket launchers, and tank, AT artillery and signal units. (4)

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5. Two T-43 tanks left the Schuetzen Kaserne toward Trampe on 31 August 1950. One T-34 tank [REDACTED] and six canvas-covered rail-type rocket launchers were seen in the barracks yard on 1 September 1950.

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Comments

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- (1) The information that the Artillerie Kaserne was only lightly occupied was confirmed [] on 22 August 1950.
- 25X1A [] The elements of the 6th Gds Mecz Div which,
25X1B [], are stationed in this installation, were still in the Templin maneuver area on 1 September 1950.
- (2) The information that Volkspolizei would move into the Artillerie Kaserne is new and considered improbable.
- 25X1B (3) [] was identified on several documents from Eberswalde and probably belongs to the 6th Gds Mecz Div.
- 25X1X (4) The Schuetzen Kaserne, which was only partly occupied on 22 August 1950 [] has been occupied by elements of the unidentified AAA Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army from Frankfurt/Oder since 26 August 1950. [] 25X1A
- The other units observed in the billeting area probably were rear details or training units of elements of the 6th Gds Mecz Div which are believed to be stationed there. It is not known whether component units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div will reoccupy the Schuetzen Kaserne after their return from the Templin maneuver area. The motor vehicle [] belong to headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army and elements of the 6th Gds Mecz Div and the unidentified AAA Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. 25X1

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